

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims of the above-identified application, by adding new claims 41-43. Claim 41, dependent on claim 1, recites that the polymer component is acrylic rubber. Claim 42, dependent on claim 8, recites that the polymer component is acrylic rubber, and that the thermosetting component is epoxy resin; and claim 43, dependent on claim 42, recites that the adhesive sheet does not include filler. In connection with claims 41-43, note, for example, pages 16 and 17 of Applicants' specification.

The various election-of-species requirements set forth on pages 2-4 of the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, are noted. In response to the requirement in the first paragraph on page 2 of this Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect acrylic rubber as the polymer component. In response to the requirement set forth in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of this Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect the presence of the thermosetting component, and respectfully elect epoxy resin as the thermosetting component. In response to the requirement in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect the absence of the filler component; in view thereof, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no need to elect a particular filler component.

In summary, in response to the various election-of-species requirements, on pages 2-4 of the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect acrylic rubber as the polymer component, respectfully elect epoxy resin as inclusion of the thermosetting component, and respectfully elect absence of a filler.

The additional requirement by the Examiner in the second paragraphs on pages 4 and 5 of this Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, for Applicants to submit a listing of all claims readable on the elected species, is noted. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8, 10-12, 16-20, 22-24 and 26-31, of the claims previously considered in the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, read on the elected species. In this regard, note that while claims 7 and 19 refer to a filler, they do not positively recite inclusion of the filler, and thus it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 and 19 read on the elected species.

The contention by the Examiner that claims 1-3 are generic claims, is noted. In addition to claims 1-3, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-7, 10-12, 16-19, 22, 23 and 26-31 are generic claims. It is respectfully submitted that upon allowance of a generic claim, particularly claim 1, all species should re-joined in the above-identified application and allowed to issue in a U.S. patent based thereon.


In view of all of the foregoing, consideration of claims 1-8, 10-12, 16-20, 22-24 and 26-31, as well as newly added claims 41-43, which read on the elected species, in due course, are respectfully requested.

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